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## PLO rejection seen setback to Carter's Mideast peace effort

By WOLF BLITZER  
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WASHINGTON. — The State Department has confirmed that a member of the PLO has applied for an entry visa to come to the U.S. presumably to try to open a PLO information office in Washington.

But a State Department spokesman told reporters on Friday that the U.S. did not believe that now was a "propitious" time for the PLO to do so.

The State Department had no official comment to the PLO's decision on Friday rejecting UN Security Council Resolution 242 and American mediation efforts in the Middle East. But political observers here noted that the PLO decision could be regarded as a setback to President Carter's Middle East peace efforts, coming as it did after conspicuous U.S. overtures to the PLO.

Israeli sources here seemed relieved that the PLO had refused to go along with minimal U.S. demands required to open a direct dialogue between Washington and the PLO.

a development that could have badly strained American-Israeli ties.

American Jewish leaders here were also pleased that the PLO had once again demonstrated hardline adherence to its traditionally anti-American policy and to its fundamental insistence upon the destruction of Israel.

U.S. sources said they were not surprised by the PLO decision, although they acknowledged that it could be seen as a slap in the face to Saudi Arabia, which had earlier informed Washington that the PLO was moderating its views toward Resolution 242.

Official circles here expressed the hope yesterday that peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states could proceed now that the PLO has in effect ruled itself out as a potential partner in those negotiations. The U.S. had said that, at a minimum, the PLO would have to accept Resolution 242 in order to receive U.S. recognition.

Meanwhile, the visa application by the unnamed PLO official seems to be developing into the first major

test case of a new U.S. law, making it easier for PLO members, communists and other previously barred foreigners to visit the United States. The new law, approved by Congress and signed by the president earlier this month, was originally designed to have the U.S. comply with the Helsinki agreement, which calls for freer movement of peoples between countries.

The State Department said on Friday that, despite the new law, the U.S. can still prevent known terrorists and subversives from entering the U.S.

In February, the PLO tried to open an office in Washington but the man designated to head it, Sabri Jiryia, was asked to leave after it was learned that he had lied about his place of birth on his entry visa application.

According to U.S. officials, the opening of a PLO office requires only that it register with the Justice Department as a foreign agent and file periodic reports concerning its activities here. Actually, U.S. officials said, special State Department approval for such an office is not required. Thus, the PLO could hire an American citizen to head its office here if it wanted to, thereby skirted visa problems for PLO officials. The only thing the State Department can do is bar foreigners from entering the country.

While the new law makes it easier for PLO officials to enter, the State Department can still prevent one from arriving here — if it wants to do so. The only difference now is that more paperwork is involved and the Secretary of State has to write to Congress explaining why the individual is being barred. In the past, this would have been virtually automatic.

Last Thursday evening, the American Jewish leadership approved a letter which would be given to President Carter, explaining Jewish opposition to the PLO.

Rabbi Alexander Schneider, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was charged with delivering the letter to the White House, which he was expected to do during a meeting with counsel Robert Lipshutz.

Now that the PLO has rejected U.S. conditions for recognition, the strain in American-Israeli relations is expected to ease somewhat. (Continued on page 1)

## PLO regrets U.S. bid, raps American, Zionist 'plots'

DAMASCUS. — The Palestine Liberation Organization Friday rejected American mediation efforts in the Middle East, denouncing "Zionist and U.S. imperialist plots to liquidate the Palestinian cause."

The rejection came in a communiqué issued after a lengthy meeting of the PLO's policy-making 55-member central council in Damascus on Thursday and Friday.

The communiqué has squashed speculations that the PLO was considering an American proposal for the acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 242, in return for recognition of the PLO by Washington.

The communiqué reiterated the PLO's long-standing rejection of Resolution 242 and insistence that a settlement of the Middle East crisis can only come about through the implementation of UN General Assembly decision 2336 of November 1974.

This decision, which was rejected by the U.S. and Israel, reaffirmed

the "inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, national independence and sovereignty." It also recognized that "the Palestinian people are a principal party in the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East."

The communiqué appealed to Arab states to abide by resolution 238 and the decisions of the Rabat summit meeting, recognizing the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

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## 'No intention' to dispatch Arab League to S. Lebanon

BEIRUT. — Syria and Lebanon have no intention of sending Arab League peace-keeping troops to southern Lebanon, according to a UPI report quoting official Arab sources.

The sources denied an earlier UPI report which claimed that Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros and his Syrian counterpart, Abdul-Hakim Khaddam, had agreed on dispatching troops from the Syrian-dominated Arab League force to the southern border with Israel.

Israel had at the time discounted such reports, which Jerusalem would view as a hostile act. Israel has set a "red line" north of the Litani River, as a limit for non-Lebanese troops.

Meanwhile, the situation in southern Lebanon was reported still unstable over the weekend amid the refusal of the alliance of Palestinian terrorists and leftists to withdraw from border villages. The Palestinian-leftists have been fighting scattered battles with local village militias, whose members and families are supported by Israel.

Christian leaders said yesterday Palestinians were responsible for the bitter sectarian fighting in southern Lebanon and called for their expulsion from the area and distribution throughout Arab states.

The "Lebanese Front" of rightist parties issued a statement, after a three-day closed meeting in the northern resort of Ehden, blaming the Palestinians for the flight of people from the south and accusing them of obstructing the economy.

The right-wing leaders summoned their militia chiefs to the talks on Friday after telling the government they would act on their own if it failed to take steps to ensure peace in the Shouf area, south of Beirut, where 11 people were reported killed in fighting last weekend.

The rightists also called for the publication of the Shouf agreement on bringing peace to the area, concluded last month by senior Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian officials.

The Front said yesterday it had "put under study its future relationship with the Lebanese state."

Leading members of the Front are former presidents Camille Chamoun and Suleiman Franjeh, and Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayel.

The governor's office in Sidon, provincial capital of the south, reported six killed and 14 wounded in artillery duels between terrorists and Christian forces.

The governor's office said the Moslem mayor of Bint Jubail and three Christians from Ein Bil, hamlets of Maronite Christian Patriarch Antonios Khreish, were killed.

A spokesman said nightlong artillery duels on the edges of the Arkoub region accounted for the rest of the casualties and touched off several forest fires. (UPI, Reuters, AP)

## 'Entebbe ray device could change war'

TORONTO (Reuters). — A self-taught Canadian inventor claims he has perfected a ray device that could change the rules of war because it freezes radar and jams mechanical equipment, and he adds that the Israelis proved it works during a spectacular raid on Entebbe Airport.

The Israelis "foiled" the radar operated by Field Marshal Idi Amin's armed forces with it, Sidney Hurwich, 63, said here, and later awarded him a medal because of the successful rescue of the Entebbe hostages. (The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported last week that neither Hurwich nor Israeli representatives would divulge the reasons he was awarded the medal.)

He told the Canadian Press News Agency that he presented his device — apparently electro-magnetic in character — to the Israelis in 1970 because he knew it could save lives.

He had found "a different use for one of the oldest basic principles of electricity — and it stops bombs from going off."

It would jam timing mechanisms, he said, recounting how he developed the system originally to help banks prevent the theft of money bags.

In 1969, Hurwich invited two police inspectors to his house for a demonstration. When the battery-powered device was turned on, the inspectors could not lift any of the bags filled with money they had brought, the inventor said.

Bill Bolton, one of the inspectors, told the Canadian Press: "Neither Dave (the other inspector) nor I could pull the triggers on our unloaded service revolvers. We couldn't even pick them up."

Twenty minutes after they entered the room, Hurwich told them to look at their watches. They had stopped.

Tat-Ahuf Dan Shomron, who led last year's raid on Entebbe, recently told a Toronto luncheon audience that his plane landed in darkness in the cloak of a civilian plane's noise, but persons knowledgeable about radar doubted the statement.

"I had an idea the device was used at Entebbe," said Hurwich. "But when the general was here, I found out for sure that it was. It's flexible and has many uses."



Prime Minister Begin addressing the Jewish community in the Bucharest central synagogue on Friday night. (Miller — Government Press Office)

## Carter is more pessimistic now on the Middle East

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Carter yesterday appeared to be more pessimistic on the Middle East than in the past.

In an interview with a group of editors on Friday, and released yesterday, Carter said, "There is going to be a great deal of disillusionment on our part... and around the world if some progress is not demonstrated this year" in the Middle East.

He also indicated for the first time that the U.S. might be less inclined to pursue its peace efforts in the area "unless it is obvious to us that all parties involved genuinely want a comprehensive settlement."

Carter told the editors he thinks there is still a chance for progress in the area, and despite reports to the contrary, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's trip to the Middle East was "very successful."

Without mentioning any country by name, Carter said that there is a "growing impatience" among other nations concerning the conflict in the

Middle East. He added any nation in the area "that proved to be intransigent or an obstacle to progress would suffer at least to some degree the condemnation of the rest of the world. That is persuasion in itself."

Carter also predicted the Panama Canal treaty will be ratified by the Senate and he intends to hold a fireside chat soon to explain the terms of the controversial treaty to the American people. Carter said he thinks the "consequences would be very severe" if the Senate rejects the Panama Canal treaty.

Carter said the signing ceremony will be held in Washington on September 7 and he has invited each Latin American country to be represented by a high official.

"I think the treaty is fair to both sides," he said. "For that purpose alone, I would favor it. But the additional major advantage is that it would tremendously enhance our own relationships with other countries in the Southern Hemisphere."



Smoke still drifts out of the 9th floor window of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow yesterday after eight-hour fire damaged top floors and caused the embassy to be closed down. (UPI telephoto)

## Toon: Nothing sinister behind embassy inferno

MOSCOW. — U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon said yesterday there was no reason to suspect "a sinister Soviet backdrop" to the fire that wrecked one floor of the American Embassy in central Moscow and severely damaged at least two other floors.

During the blaze, which raged Friday night and yesterday morning, embassy officials hurriedly moved highly classified documents to safer quarters.

"There is no basis for any sort of suspicion," Toon said at a news conference in the embassy's commercial office, a block away. "We think that it was an electrical fault and having seen the sad state of wiring in the main chancery it is understandable."

Toon said it could be three to five months before the top three floors of the 10-story building were back in full operation.

Emergency communications equipment arrived from Bonn late yesterday and Toon said complete communications channels should be re-established with Washington sometime today.

Until the emergency channels are set up the embassy is in contact with the State Department in Washington via a telex channel and one telephone line which has been kept open constantly since early yesterday morning.

The ambassador also said that an initial inventory of the highly sensitive documents and equipment on the top floor of the embassy showed "that so far there has been no compromise of security."

Soviet firefighters were never

granted permission by Toon to enter the 10th floor of the embassy, which houses the office of the military attache.

However, Toon said the battalion chief of the Soviet firefighters "on at least two occasions, and possibly three" tried to get access to the 10th floor by claiming that a fire was burning there and an unidentified

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## Meshel invited to White House

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Hissadrut Secretary-General Yehoshua Meshel has been invited by Vice President Walter Mondale to a meeting at the White House on Tuesday.

Meshel, currently in the U.S. to address the executive council of the AFL-CIO tomorrow, will also meet with Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall, and with AFL-CIO President George Meany.

ATMOSPHERE IMPROVES

## PLO proves our point, Begin to tell Ceausescu

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BUCHAREST. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin said last night that he would stress at a second meeting with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu the latest PLO decision in Damascus not to accept Security Council Resolution 242, since it vindicated in his view Israel's firm determination to reject all dealings with the organization.

Begin said he would see the Rumanian leader again tomorrow morning at his cottage at Snagov, 30 kms. from here.

Rumania's long-held and oft-stated belief that the PLO must be a factor in Middle East peace-making has provided a sometimes discordant undertone to this visit, with Begin's hosts missing no opportunity to restate their position and the Israeli leader using every platform to reiterate his.

At a kiddush in his honour at the synagogue yesterday morning, the Premier again referred obliquely to his differences with the Rumanian leaders (emphasizing, though, that the talks were "cordial").

But they have their position and we have ours and we do not bow our heads before them, just as we do not bow before the Americans or anyone else," the Premier said.

Nevertheless, the tone of the content of Begin's visit here improved perceptibly on Friday morning with his first, three-hour meeting with President Ceausescu.

The duration of this meeting, Rumanian officials had indicated in advance, would be a sensitive indicator of the importance which Ceausescu wished to attach to Begin's visit to Rumania. It would probably last one hour, one official predicted just after it began at 10 a.m. But "if the president has nothing to do" it might last two hours.

The two men emerged from the portals of the residence more than three hours later, with Begin ostentatiously looking at his watch and recording this obviously highly relevant fact.

Israeli officials had said on Thursday that they hoped for two sessions with Ceausescu. But these hopes seemed clouded after the sharp verbal clash between Begin and his host, Rumanian Premier Manea Marescu, in their speeches at a dinner on Thursday night. The Rumanian had voiced his regime's open support for the PLO and its demand for total Israeli withdrawal from lands taken in 1967.

On Friday newsmen witnessed a somewhat more muted sparring match in the exchange of preliminary remarks between Begin and Ceausescu before the private talks began.

Such exchanges, designed to enable photographers to record the event, are usually devoted to non-controversial issues such as the weather or history. But it was clear that the Rumanian leader did not intend to let his guest score free points even in this manner.

Begin: "I congratulate the president on the (August 23) anniversary of the victory over Nazism... all who fought the Nazis are our brothers in arms."

Ceausescu: "Thank you very much indeed. I hope that the common fight against the Hitlerite hordes will be a good basis for building a better world with more justice."

Begin: "I agree..."

Ceausescu: "I think that is a good beginning. We have agreed on the essential: to build a world of peace, freedom and justice based on the rights of each people to be the master of its own destiny."

Begin: "I agree absolutely. Of course the president is aware of the terrible price the Jewish people paid... one half of Rumania's own Jewish community was destroyed... In 1944 you had to liberate yourselves from the Nazi yoke and we too had to fight for national liberation in our own country."

Ceausescu: "It is true the war cost millions upon millions of lives to many peoples. Many millions had to die. Therefore now we must do everything we possibly can to avoid another war, to build peace..."

After the meeting Ceausescu told newsmen it had covered relations and been "about peace and justice."

Asked by *The Jerusalem Post* if Begin had succeeded in persuading him to change his view about the PLO, the Rumanian president answered: "that is hardly possible."

He described Rumanian-Israeli relations as "normal," and pointedly declined to use the term "friendly" suggested by a newsmen. "Normal encompasses everything," he maintained.

Asked if he was "satisfied" with the talk with Begin, Ceausescu said it had been "a frank exchange of views," diplomatic parlance denoting disagreement over the issues at hand.

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## 4 more Tel Aviv policemen ordered held for theft

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Four more Tel Aviv policemen accused of thefts were remanded for further questioning on Friday — bringing the total held now up to 18.

Most are suspected of minor thefts from the sites of burglaries they were sent to investigate. But one was also accused of acting as middle-man for a fence.

Ordered held for 15 days were veteran policeman Max Elbaz, 44, chief of patrols for the Yarkon precinct; Samal Herzl Luxon, 28; and Ezra Mousa, 29. Samal Rishon Shalom Malouli was ordered held for five days.

Police told Magistrate Aharon Cohen that Elbaz was suspected of having told another policeman to steal a football for him from a burglarized sporting-goods store. He is also suspected of removing transistor radios from a broken-into electronics store.

Luxon, according to his lawyer, has admitted sharing the small change found in a burglarized kiosk (which came to IL10 per policeman). The police also suspect that a trip he took on a yacht while he was connected with the police station

responsible for the Tel Aviv marina may have been a bribe, and that certain thefts from yachts at the marina may have been his work. (They said some earlier thefts from yachts had definitely been traced to another policeman.)

As to Mousa, the police said he had been unable to explain satisfactorily how he came to a stereo system found in his home. They charged that he had approached other policemen telling them that a certain merchant — whom police called a fence — was offering cheap TVs. These sets, police found, were being sold for even less than their wholesale price.

Police added that they believe several pairs of trousers found in Mousa's house — which he said had been left there by his security guard friend Yosef Printz — had been stolen from the Printz's store. They said the two men had also spent a holiday at the Laromne Hotel in Eilat which should have been beyond their means.

Printz was remanded for 10 days. The allegations against Malouli, the fourth policeman, who has not yet had a lie-detector test, were not revealed.

## GAZA BLAST HURTS YOUTH

Jerusalem Post Staff

An Arab youth was seriously injured when a bomb exploded yesterday in the crowded Gaza produce market. Another bomb went off yesterday in Jerusalem's Old City, but there were no casualties or damages.

In Gaza, the small explosive charge was attached to a delayed action device and hidden under a cart, military sources said.

The blast, the second in the Gaza Strip in three days, tore off the hand of an 18-year-old local resident.

Security forces in Jerusalem carried out some "terrorist" exercises on Friday to test the awareness of local shopkeepers and residents. One of the areas in which they

planted "bombs" was Mahane Yehuda, the crowded outdoor market.

They reported satisfactory responses from the public, who this time did not cluster around the site of the bomb.

The police inspector for the southern district, Nitzav Arye Ivshan, said the exercises would be repeated in southern cities, and particularly in Jerusalem. (Itim)

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## New Nahal settlement established near Jenin

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Army has established a Nahal settlement in the West Bank that will eventually become a civilian area, government sources said on Friday.

The decision to establish the settlement of Reihan, northwest of Jenin, was taken in April under the Labour government.

Reihan is located just over four kms. beyond the Green Line.

Reports of the new Nahal settlement came less than two weeks after the Begin government gave the go-ahead for work on three new settlements in Judea and Samaria.

Officials said the Rabin government had approved the three sites.

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**Ceausescu**

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Begin adopted a much less reserved tone, praising Ceausescu's courtesy and hearty hospitality. But he did indicate that the meeting had resulted in the expected standoff on basic Mideast questions. "We fully clarified our positions... It was a very serious talk covering all areas, including what Mr. Landau calls the PLO," the premier said in Hebrew. His words were simultaneously translated for Ceausescu into Romanian; and at this point Ceausescu raised his hands, smiled, and brought the visit to an end, waving politely as Begin and his aides drove off. Flanking the premier at his meeting with Ceausescu, the highpoint of the visit, were Ephraim Evron, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, and Ambassador Shammal Kahane. Ceausescu was accompanied by Premier Manescu, Foreign Minister Gheorghe Macovescu and Ambassador to Israel Ion Kovacl. The Israeli side came equipped with maps of the Middle East which they spread out on the little coffee tables on Ceausescu's patio to illustrate their geo-strategic arguments in favour of Israel's retaining control of Judea-Samaria. For the last hour or so, Begin and Ceausescu conversed alone — through an interpreter — while wandering slowly through the exquisitely landscaped grounds of the residence, built overlooking a gem-like lake.

The Chairman and Executive of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency mourn the death in Italy of

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**Bendel flees Israel in custody case**

VIENNA (AP). — Ruth Bendel, at the centre of a court dispute over the custody of her son, fled Israel for Vienna over the weekend, the Vienna newspaper "Kurier" reported. In its issue today, the paper says Mrs. Bendel, a convert to Christianity and originally a British subject, decided to escape, purportedly on board a fishing vessel, to avoid payment of a High Court penalty and possible subsequent arrest. "Kurier" said she arrived in Vienna on Friday along with her second husband, Australian Ivan Bendel, whom she met in Australia when she completed studies there, and their one-year-old son. At the centre of the controversy was 12-year-old Guy, first son of Mrs. Bendel and her first husband, Shimon Yair, whom the woman had married in the U.S. and divorced in Israel in 1971, where she had been brought up. "Kurier" said Ruth Bendel returned to Israel in June this year from the U.S. where she had settled with her second husband, after she learned that her daughter, Liora, and seven years old, was allegedly suffering hardship with her former husband's new wife. But she failed to take along her son, Guy, and hand him over to his father under a prior divorce agreement and subsequently lost her case in a court proceeding which stipulated July 26 and later August 6 as the date for the boy to be brought from the United States and placed under his father's custody. According to the report, Mrs. Bendel was to pay \$2,300 for each day until her son appeared in Israel; and she feared detention for non-fulfilment, since she refused to act on the Israeli court order. After reportedly consulting attorneys in the U.S., Mrs. Bendel contended that both her divorce and the agreement resulting from it were invalid because her first husband had been married before. But Mr. Shimon Yair, had always claimed that his first marriage was null and void because his then wife was in turn living in bigamy. According to the Austrian newspaper "Kurier", Mrs. Bendel and her second husband, were faced with seemingly insurmountable legal problems, and, for a variety of reasons, were not allowed to leave Israel. An appeal was scheduled to be heard after the court's summer recess. The couple first evaded Israel jurisdiction — and payment of the fine — by changing their place of residence inside Israel quickly in succession, and then made the flight plan. Ivan Bendel was quoted as saying he and his wife had to pay a large sum for the flight and run a health risk for his pregnant wife, because birth of her child in Israel would have further complicated their plight. They refused to disclose the date and other details of their journey from Israel to Cyprus. Ivan Bendel said "For the second time in my life I had to flee illegally from a country. First in 1968 from the Communists in Czechoslovakia, now, strangely enough, from Israel."

**Begin is overcome as he seeks to comfort Rumanian Jews**

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
BUCHAREST. — "The most moving day in my life since the day Israel declared its independence." That was how Prime Minister Menachem Begin described his Sabbath with the Jewish community of Bucharest. "We will never forget your tears," Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen told the premier last night. "It was a true reunion of brothers." Over and over again during the Sabbath Begin referred to the serried ranks of Jews looking up at him with expectant, haunted eyes as "the She'rit Hapleia" — the last surviving remnant of a once great and noble European Jewish community. "Over and over he recalled the fact that over a half-million Rumanian Jews had perished in the Holocaust and that he himself was among the few fortunate European Jews who had managed to survive. He repeated the story of how he had led a group of 2,000 young Jewish refugees through Europe to the Rumanian border in 1939 — only to have the border closed in their faces by the intervention of the British Ambassador in Bucharest. Hardly any of that group was to remain alive to tell the tale after the war was over. The Sabbath was brought in especially early at the huge Choral Synagogue on the instructions of Chief Rabbi Rosen to enable the Israeli and U.S. television crews covering the Begin visit to photograph and record the Prime Minister's address to the congregation. First a choir of young boys and girls dressed in blue and white flared into the Choral and sang Israeli songs. When they broke into "Jerusalem of Gold" the Premier, sitting in a place of honour alongside Rabbi Rosen, could no longer contain his emotions and wept openly. During his address, too, the Premier found himself choked and overcome as he spoke in the packed synagogue in the language that my mother spoke to me — Yiddish. He dwelt on the Holocaust, and on the meaning of Israel's independence — the reassurance that Jews would not be led defenceless to the slaughter ever again. "We are a blessed and beautiful country," he said to his audience, "big enough for all the Jews who want to come and live in it." The Premier and his party had moved from their government guest house, in a military complex on the outskirts of town, to a hotel 10 minutes' walk from the synagogue, to be within walking distance. The hotel, damaged in the earthquake here last year, had been gradually reopening when the order came down from the government: Evacuate the entire building for the Israeli Prime Minister and his entourage. On their way to and from the synagogue Friday night and Saturday morning, the premier and his aides were surrounded by hundreds of plainclothes security men, while uniformed policemen stood along both sides of the route at intervals of less than five metres. An area almost a kilometre square around the synagogue was completely closed off to traffic, and pedestrians and all residents were told in advance to park their cars elsewhere. On Friday night the synagogue was indeed packed to overflowing. But on Saturday there were many empty seats and most of the congregants present were older men — apparently because those of working age could not take time off from their jobs. In the morning, moreover, there were no children or young people present whatever. Begin was called up for the *maftir* — *Parashat Zachor*: the injunction to the Jewish people to "wipe out the memory of Amalek." And he read, in firm and dramatic tones, the *Haf-tara* from Isaiah 54 prophesying redemption for Zion and the ingathering of the exiles. The old men in the congregation followed silently, only their muted sighs expressing the extreme poignancy of the occasion. At a *Kiddush* after the service, Begin spoke, again in Yiddish, again seeking to lift the spirits of the local Jews. He assured them of better days ahead, and of the close unity of the Jewish people as exemplified in his own career and his presence among them as Israel's leader. In conversations with this reporter at the Jewish community centre later, all of those who heard the Premier professed themselves deeply stirred by his warmth and overflowing emotion and sincerity, as well as by his powerful oratory. The Rumanian Orthodox Patriarch Justin Moisescu was among the guests at a reception last night at the Jewish community centre here in honour of Premier Menachem Begin. Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic and Protestant prelates were also present, as well as the city's Moslem Imam Regups Ali, and the director of the government's Department of Culture. Mr. Begin invited them all to visit Jerusalem, assuring the Moslem dignitary of true oriental hospitality. "In the spirit of our common ancestor Abraham," Begin went out of his way to praise the Rumanian government — singing out, of course, President Ceausescu — for its policy of tolerance towards religious practice.

**Egyptians leave**  
BUCHAREST (AP). — An Egyptian parliamentary delegation left here on Friday morning after a visit which included reception by Rumanian President and Communist Party chief Nicolae Ceausescu. The Egyptian delegation was led by Sayed Ali es-Sayed, deputy speaker of the Cairo People's Assembly.

A year after the death of our dear mother and grandmother

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A memorial service and tombstone unveiling will be held at 3.30 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 1977 at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

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מקראות לחיים

**Sen. Pell here to study new settlements**

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim). — Senator Claiborne Pell (Democrat-Rhode Island) arrived on Friday to "gather information" on the Israeli settlements in the West Bank. He told reporters he had come for two days on his own initiative. He will meet with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and with the chairman of the Knesset Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee, Prof. Moshe Arens. Pell, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has asked to visit the settlements. His last visit to Israel was 10 years ago. He noted that his father, a senator during World War II, was among those who worked to save Jews in Eastern Europe. From Israel, Pell will travel to Jordan, Greece and Italy.

**ADL chief sees Israel-U.S. crisis**

The head of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, Burton Joseph, said that Israel should engage in an information campaign, particularly in the U.S., to explain the significance of the government's settlement policy in the administered territories. He said this was necessary to avert the real danger of a crisis in U.S.-Israel relations. Joseph was speaking to reporters on arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport Friday from the U.S. He came to Israel for the dedication of the ADL's office that was opened recently in Jerusalem. Joseph and seven League members who accompanied him, are to meet with the Prime Minister and other Cabinet ministers. Joseph said that the ADL would step up efforts to get Jewish communities all over the U.S. to support the Israel government's policies. Its Jerusalem branch would help the ADL's U.S. office keep abreast of developments in Israel, he added. (Itim)

**9 Beduin held for tent arson**

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
BEERSHEBA. — Police have arrested nine Beduin suspected of arson in the fire on Thursday night which burned down the tent of Sheikh Abu-Taha at Tel Sheva. Ahmed Abu-Taha, the sheikh's son said yesterday that he believes the tent was burned down by members of the Abu-Raqia clan, who have allegedly been trying to get his family to leave. He said that the tent, in which his father entertained guests outside his home, was completely destroyed, along with mattresses, pillows and rugs. He estimated the loss at IL25,000. This was the second attempt in a week to burn the ceremonial tent, Abu-Taha claimed. He said the arson occurred because the police guard which usually patrols the tent settlement at night was not on duty. He claims to have seen a small truck leaving the scene. Last week seven other Beduin were arrested in connection with violence at the settlement two weeks ago. The Abu-Raqia family claims that Tel Sheva was built by the Israel government on land which belongs to them.

**Girl dies while breaking fast**

A 13-year-old girl from Sidwan, in East Jerusalem, died on Friday night of causes doctors believe were complicated by the Moslem Ramadan fast. The girl, whose name was not given, reportedly joined her family in breaking the fast after sundown. She collapsed, and was taken to the Hospice hospital in the Old City. Doctors there said the death was apparently connected with the fast. Police have ordered the body transferred to the Forensic Institute at Abu Bakr to determine the causes of death. (Itim)

**Two burn in collision**

YEHUD (Itim). — A man and woman were burned yesterday afternoon when their car collided head-on with a pick-up truck on the Yehud-Bnei Atarot road. The couple, unidentified as of last night, were riding in a Fiat. The car burst into flames upon impact. Petah Tikva firemen doused the flames and removed the bodies from the car. The driver of the truck, which was not damaged, was held for questioning.

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**U.S. church steps up aid to Lebanese**

KFAR GILADI. — Members of the Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, California, announced here yesterday that they would increase their supply of humanitarian aid to Lebanese forces in the enclave north of Metulla. The church represents the only Christian community in the U.S. to support Lebanese Christians in the area. Nancy Baker and Naomi Kaplan, members of the church, yesterday told Major Saad Haddad, commander of the enclave, that their group had recently collected \$20,000 for the Lebanese Christians. This sum is in addition to \$15,000 they provided over the last six months. Through Magen David Adom in the U.S., they also bought a \$5,000 ambulance for the Good Fence infirmary in Metulla, and sent supplies of medicines and vitamins for children in the enclave. Under the leadership of the Rev. Chuck Smith, members of the church are distributing information throughout California about the condition of southern Lebanon's Christians and they intend to mobilize political support for them. The mission began when Rev. Smith and a delegation from his church visited Israel six months ago. At the kibbutz guesthouse they met some Lebanese waitresses and listened to their story. Major Haddad told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Calvary Chapel is the only Christian community in the U.S. which shows interest in the fate of his people. Lebanese Christians at Marj Ayun and the Calvary group remember each other in their Sunday prayers, he said. On January 250 members of the church will come to Israel for a Christian congress. On that occasion, they plan to inspect the programme at the Good Fence. Each of them will bring a blanket as a token of aid.

**45 South Lebanese to have Jerusalem holiday**

Some 45 Maronite villagers from southern Lebanon are to enjoy next weekend in Jerusalem, the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel has announced. Simon Cooper, general manager of the hotel, extended the invitation after visiting the Good Fence with his family. He said he realized that the only place in which these people could get away from the terrors of war was Israel. Many of the villagers — who come from Kileh, Marj Ayun and Bir Mimas — have relatives in Jerusalem. The heads of the Maronite community in the capital are arranging to contact them.

**Beame gets 4 invitations to Israel**

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — New York Mayor Abraham Beame, currently in the midst of a hotly-contested Democratic primary election, has received four separate invitations to visit Israel during recent days. On Friday, Histaadrot Secretary-General Yoram Meshel paid a courtesy call at the mayor's office and invited him to come to Israel as the guest of the Histaadrot. Meshel recalled that Beame had been forced to cut his last visit to Israel short because of the fiscal crisis in New York last year. (See Beame, P.4)

**AMERICAN EMBASSY FIRE**

(Continued from page one)  
American had returned entrance. As an added precaution during a period when American security personnel were withdrawn from the burning areas, Toun said he ordered embassy personnel to monitor all entrances and fire truck ladders to make sure no documents were removed from the building. The fire gutted the eighth floor of the yellow stucco embassy building and also burned through sections of the ninth floor. Water and smoke damage to the seventh and 10th floors was extensive and half of the roof of the embassy collapsed at the height of the fire. Soviet policemen ordered reporters and diplomats away from the front of the embassy yesterday. A plume of yellow smoke continued to rise from the building at dawn. Marines and other security officials discovered the flames on the eighth floor at about 10:30 p.m. and tried to extinguish the fire themselves. Firemen were called in 30 minutes later. As embassy security personnel looked on, the khaki-clad Russian firemen climbed extension ladders to enter the embassy through the windows. The Russians had to pry aside some of the special protective screens put up last year to shield the building from microwave radiation allegedly directed at the embassy by the Russians. The blaze was the second at the embassy this year. On February 1, a doctor's office in the embassy courtyard was heavily damaged by fire, apparently caused by a welding accident. (AP, UPI)

**Girl, 13, hurt in Ophira minefield**

EILAT (Itim). — A 13-year-old girl was seriously injured on Friday when a mine exploded south of Ophira. Yaffa Aluz, who visited her sister in Ophira, went for a drive with her brother-in-law and his two children, aged three and five, in a military jeep. Her brother-in-law reportedly failed to pay attention to the signs warning against field mines in the area. The jeep drove onto a mine, which exploded and seriously injured the girl. The other passengers were unhurt. The driver, by means of the jeep's radio, called for help and a helicopter arrived shortly afterwards transporting the four out of the field and the girl to an Eilat hospital.

**"Phone-in" for school information**

The Education Ministry is holding another "phone-in" today for parents, teachers and students with questions about the school year which begins on September 1. Between 8.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. callers can reach the following persons: Gershon Bergson, Jerusalem district chief; Yosef Levi, northern district chief; Dr. Yosef Goldstein, Haifa district; Micha Barkol, central district; Avraham Yaron, Tel Aviv district; Rivka Bar-Yaacov, southern district; Buma Satari, head of education in new settlements; Meir Avigad, head of vocational education; and Emmanuel Kopelevitch, head of Arab education. The Education Ministry number in Jerusalem is 02-285111.

**A RECORD 40,000 Moslem worshippers visited the Temple Mount in Jerusalem on Friday for Ramadan prayers.**

**Congratulation to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith on the occasion of the opening of its new office in Israel**

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**Mr. Joseph Chaikin**

leading figure in the U.S. avant-garde theatre, and his colleagues: Shami Chaikin and Bruce Myers will speak of their work in general, and in particular in the workshop for Israeli actors and directors currently being conducted in Jerusalem. A free discussion with members of the audience will follow.

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Artist's rendering of renovated Rehov Mamilla at corner of King David as proposed by Deputy Mayor Meron Benvenisti.

## Mamilla: A basic Jerusalem planning dispute

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Should Jerusalem try for something great but unachievable on one of its most critical planning sites, or for something modest but within its means?

This is the question concerning development of the Mamilla district as posed by Deputy Mayor Meron Benvenisti.

The question has touched off one of the most significant planning disputes in Jerusalem since the city's reunification and brought Benvenisti in direct confrontation with his political patron, Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The original plan for Mamilla drawn up by Moshe Safdie with the cooperation of Gilbert Weill is an urban renewal approach calling for demolition of all buildings in the 120-dunam Mamilla tract outside Jaffa Gate except for the St. Vincent de Paul Hospital opposite the Old City wall. It is a complex, multi-level plan envisioning underground roads and shopping arcades and construction of 160,000 square metres of floor space, 2.5 times the existing amount.

Last week Benvenisti released an alternative concept he had asked planner David Kroyanker to outline for the City Planning Department. Under it, only half of the buildings would be razed — principally in the area hitherto occupied by garages. The other half, including Mamilla Street in the heart of the area, would be renovated. These buildings would be sandblasted, modern storefronts would be developed at street level, and one or two stories sometimes added. There would be no underground roads, but Jaffa Road would be shifted to the west to permit creation of a 10-dunam plaza in front of Jaffa Gate. Total floor space would amount to 100,000 square metres.

Parking for 300 cars would be provided on terraces below the French Consulate. Eventually, an underground garage for 1,000 vehicles would be built outside Jaffa Gate. This echoes a similar proposal made by Safdie. Kroyanker also adopts Safdie's proposal — on a much reduced scale — for a green wedge linking the National Park around the Old City walls and Independence Park through Mamilla. Unlike Safdie, he would keep all new building out of the national park itself.

This approach, according to Benvenisti and Kroyanker, would permit revival of the Mamilla District as a vital part of the urban fabric, at a cost to the public which is far smaller than that entailed by the Safdie plan.

"The Safdie plan is not feasible," says Benvenisti. "It involves spending IL60m. a year for five years. There's not a single contractor capable of doing work at this scale."

"What will happen to the city meanwhile if you have to start digging in front of the city wall and shift a major inter-urban road (outside Jaffa Gate) and destroy Mamilla? And is this what the city needs to spend money on in the next five years? You're committing massive public funds on a single project," Benvenisti says.

Safdie says the feasibility of his plan has been confirmed by some of the major construction and engineering firms in Israel. Construction could be broken into several self-contained phases, whose implementation was "well within the capabilities of several Israeli contractors," according to Safdie. A phasing plan prepared by Engineering Services, Inc., one of the country's leading engineering firms, makes it clear that there will be no disruption to roads or utilities during construction, he said.

In addition to its feasibility, says Safdie, his plan would be far cheaper in the long run than the minimalist approach advocated by Benvenisti. Cutting back 60,000 square metres from the building programme, he said, would reduce the cost of infrastructure, but the loss in revenues would be much greater than the savings.

"The most expensive approach would be to build nothing at all and leave the area as a park," he said.

About IL200m. has already been expended in acquisition of the site and compensation for relocation of residents and businesses. To cover these heavy outlays and others yet necessary to eradicate Mamilla's slum conditions, says Safdie, sufficient floor space must be constructed and sold.

His plan, says Safdie, provides a wide range of urban amenities and services that a minimalist approach does not provide. These include the creation of a major new retailing area for Jerusalem, a sizable park area, the creation of a new city square on King David Street overlooking the Old City walls, and complete separation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Safdie says that Kroyanker's plan ignores guidelines laid down by the city planning department which he, Safdie, had to incorporate in his plan, such as the widening of King David and other streets.

Kroyanker readily acknowledges this. "These are two different concepts with completely different guidelines," he says.

Benvenisti wants the entire question of Mamilla's future reopened. "The statutory bodies and the public as a whole should participate fully in the debate."

## Marine officers extend their partial strike

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The no-overtime strike by the Marine Officers Union intensified over the weekend, as Union Secretary Adam Chisik announced that orders had been issued to strike ships in foreign ports 15 hours a day, as in Israeli ports.

The Histadrut on Friday warned the Union to stick to its labour agreement and stop the sanctions. The officers are protesting the Treasury's instructions to pay part of the IL22,000 to IL25,000 foreign currency allowance in Israeli currency instead of dollars.

The matter should be straightened out in direct negotiations with the Finance Ministry, Uriel Abrahamowicz, head of the Histadrut shipping committee, advised the union.

Zim General Manager Yehuda Rotem said on Friday that the union

is capable of ruining the shipping companies through frequent strikes, "but they can't secure us."

The partial strike started on Tuesday. Rotem said the companies could not agree to the union demand, since the Treasury was opposed to the foreign currency outlay. The companies have warned that they would be unable to survive a prolonged strike, coming four months after the union's previous, crippling strike, in view of the depressed state of shipping.

Haifa port spokesman Yair Bar-Mashiah said the partial strike is not causing serious difficulties in the port, which is still going through the summer doldrums. "We have adapted our work schedule, so that the Israeli ships are worked only during the first shift, and we assign the stevedores only to foreign vessels in the second shift," he said.

## Teachers union helps bring Prisoner of Zion to Israel

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 48-year-old prisoner of Zion, Jacob Suslenky, who was serving a 7-year sentence with hard labour despite his partial paralysis, ulcer and other ailments, is now in Israel thanks to the intervention of the Histadrut Teachers Union.

A new immigrant who had been in jail with Suslenky had told the prisoner's story to a group of Soviet immigrants here, who in turn related it to Shalom Levine, secretary of the Histadrut Teachers Union. Suslenky was an English teacher in Russia and had also been "adopted" by Levine during a campaign to get Israelis to support Prisoners of Zion.

When Levine heard that Suslenky's life was in danger, he turned to all the international teachers' organizations and asked

them to contact the Soviet teachers' unions.

It is believed that Suslenky's release from prison, receipt of medical treatment and subsequent immigration to Israel were brought about at least in part through the efforts of Shalom Levine and his union.

Suslenky and his daughter are now at an absorption centre in Haifa. In Leningrad, Lev Furman, the Hebrew teacher who has been awarded this year's Shazar Educators' Prize, was arrested last month while giving a Hebrew lesson at his home. He was sentenced to 10 days in prison, according to the Association for the Dissemination of the Hebrew Language in the USSR.

Contrary to standard procedures in the past, Furman won his appeal to a higher court in Leningrad and the sentence was annulled — but only after Furman had served his sentence.

## UK-Egypt trade increasing

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Two-way trade between Britain and Egypt looks like rapidly increasing over the next few years as a result of initiatives from Cairo which have met with a favourable response in London.

Egypt is eager to develop certain export lines, especially fruit, cotton yarn and clothes, and the Department of Trade here is examining ways of helping Egypt in this respect.

The "Financial Times" on Friday said Britain is taking a keen interest in Egypt's proposals for two reasons. "The first is political," the paper says. "It is recognized that Egypt is important in the Middle East and

that it is both practical and sensible to keep on good terms." The second reason is more commercial, with a rapidly growing population providing a huge market potential for British goods.

Trade between the two countries has been steadily increasing over the past few years in any case, though it is interesting to note that it lags behind Anglo-Israeli trade. British exports to Egypt have risen from a mere £20m. six years ago to over £127m. last year. British exports to Israel in 1976 were £245m.

Egypt's exports to Britain have quadrupled in the past six years. In 1971 they totalled just over £12m. and last year had reached £65m. Israeli exports to Britain last year stood at £128m.

## No place for babies at Technion

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "The campus is no place for babies," says the Technion spokesman. He was responding to charges in a student magazine that a student couple had been forced to vacate their campus quarters because they had a baby.

The story appeared in the latest issue of "Epsilon," which took a stand against the administration. Spokesman Ben-Ami Einav said the campus hostels are designated for single and married students, who

can't afford other accommodation. "There are no facilities for infants. There is no mother-and-child clinic on the campus, no stores, no regular clinic, not even sidewalks for baby prams," he said.

There are now 1,300 students living in the hostels, including 82 married couples. Another large hostel complex is being built, but it too will not offer accommodations for couples with children, he stressed.

However, the administration does make grants available to married students with infants, to help them find suitable housing near the campus in the Nahal Sittim district. The spokesman said the couple in question had been given ample notice, as well as a grant, to find alternate housing. They had not been turned out overnight, as the story seemed to imply.

## Histadrut committee to draft social plan

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut has set up an eight-member committee to draft a new economic and social policy for submission to the government.

The committee includes representatives of Havat Ovdim, the Histadrut Central Committee, and Bank Hapoalim. Its proposals will be brought before the Central Committee and the board of Havat Ovdim before being submitted to the government.

THE VOLUNTARY DEFENCE Fund has received the last part of a IL200,000 donation to the fund from the administrative and technical workers committee in Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

## Women teachers can't afford day nurseries

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers' Union has demanded that the Education Ministry subsidize the cost of keeping women-teachers' children in day nurseries.

The union spokeswoman said that day nursery subsidies were agreed upon with the ministry about a year ago but that the agreement was never carried out.

Nathan Nehora, head of the Union's teachers' rights department, said many women teachers are leaving the profession because the full fee at a day nursery (or the cost of hiring a babysitter at home) makes working unprofitable.

A spokesman for the ministry said that one difficulty in implementing the subsidy agreement was that the Labour Ministry, which usually subsidizes day nurseries, does not want to subsidize teachers. This is because teachers do not work an eight-hour day outside the home. But he said a solution is actively being sought and that a way will be found to meet the teachers' demand.

A NEW JERUSALEM branch public library, in memory of Hebrew language pioneer Ya'acov Maimon, was dedicated over the weekend in a ceremony at Meadon Haaleh in the Talbieh quarter. The library includes Maimon's own collection of books.

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## Chances of DMC joining government almost nil

By MARK SEGAL  
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The water-tight prospect of the Democratic Movement for Change entering the Likud coalition has shrunk even further.

This was driven home by the agreement of the DMC and the Labour Alignment to form a joint opposition foreign policy front for next Thursday's special Knesset debate, to which Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan will reply.

The dwindling chance of the DMC's joining the Cabinet was not offset by Prime Minister Menachem Begin's eve-of-departure promise that on returning home he will once again try to coax the DMC into his government.

DMC chairman Yigael Yadin has denied that the Likud had put forward any new proposals in-

official talks between the two parties. He took issue with the Premier's statement that the Likud's commitment to the National Religious Party on electoral change took priority over reaching an agreement with the DMC.

"This means that the Prime Minister and the NRP are lined up against introducing any change in the present system. This is in direct violation of the electoral commitments of both the Likud and the DMC," Professor Yadin said.

He stressed that electoral reform was the main issue on the agenda for his party, and that if it were not resolved they could not even consider entering the coalition.

As the chances for the DMC's joining the coalition dwindle, the Prime Minister is said to be considering naming Prof. Yuval Ne'eman Minister of Energy and Technology.

## 'Model schools' chosen in central region

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Six elementary schools in the centre of the country — three in Petah Tikva, one in Kfar Sava, one in Ra'anana and one in Moshav Beit Yitzhak — have been chosen by the Ministry of Education's central region as model schools.

District director Micha Barkol, who thought up the idea, explained that often teachers do not know what is happening in a school a kilometre away from the one in which they teach. "We picked schools which are run the way we want to see all schools run and we hope teachers, principals and students at teachers' colleges will visit these schools and learn from them."

In addition to the six model schools, a list of other schools which excel in particular subject areas has also been prepared. An example is a school in Rosh Ha'ayin where a particular English teacher has been unusually successful.

## Freighter to be maritime school

A freighter plying the route from Israel to Europe and back will become a floating maritime school when the academic year opens on September 1.

Meir Avigad, head of vocational education in the Ministry of Education, announced last week that the ship would be manned mainly by students, with a minimum of adult crew-members.

Avigad said the decision to increase the employment of students was prompted by the need for professional manpower. Students of the maritime school train for positions in the merchant marine.

Vocational subjects will be studied this year by some 74,000 high school students (grades 10, 11 and 12) in trade and comprehensive schools — an increase of 2,300 over last year.

## Israelis study U.S. lottery — and lose

LANSING, MICHIGAN (AP). — The Michigan lottery has treated two Israeli officials who came to study it just like most residents. They lost.

Israel is considering beginning an "instant game" like the one in Michigan and several other states. Moshe Talman, deputy director of the Israeli National Lottery (Mifal Hapayis), and Gideon Lerman, a government printer, arrived last week to visit the New York and Michigan state lotteries and go to Atlanta, Georgia to meet with a firm which manufactures instant lottery games.

They got a conducted tour of the Michigan facility on Friday from lottery commissioner Gus Harrison. "This is our current game," said Harrison, showing Talman the state's instant ticket.

"Yes, I tried it yesterday," the Israeli official replied sadly. He had purchased four of the one-dollar cards. He won only a free ticket with one of them, and that free ticket turned up a loser, too.

Talman and Lerman hope to win much more than a few dollars in prizes from their visit. An instant game, they said, would give the 26-year-old national lottery new vitality and bring in a lot of money.

Mifal Hapayis consists of two weekly games, a regular ticket which also includes an "instant" number for small additional prizes, and a contest in which participants select their own numbers in hopes they match the number selected.

In contrast, the Michigan instant game sells separate tickets with both the number to be matched and the possible matches hidden under a

## Teachers want present Holocaust Day kept

TEL AVIV. — The leadership of the Teachers' Union opposes Prime Minister Begin's suggestion to commemorate the Holocaust on Tish'a Be'Av and to do away with the present separate Holocaust Day.

A union spokesman gave two reasons: One, that since the schools are closed on Tish'a Be'Av, pupils would thus not learn about the Holocaust; and second, that two different types of Holocaust should not be commemorated on the same day.

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## Col. Jacob Arvey, friend of Israel, dies in U.S. at 81

Long-time Chicago Democratic Party leader Jacob Arvey — who is believed to have played a role in influencing then-U.S. President Harry Truman to recognize Israel in 1948 — died in the U.S. late last week, aged 81.

Arvey, later one of the founders of the Israel Bonds organization, was a leading U.S. Democrat at the time of the events leading to the declaration of the State of Israel. The letter he sent Truman on May 12 urged the president "to publicly give recognition to the fact that a Jewish state was about to be born, and said: 'History will accord you the place of leadership in the liberation of the homeless Jews of the world and their return to their ancient home.'"

On May 13, hours after Israel's declaration of independence, Truman overruled the State Department and granted Israel *de facto* recognition.

(The text of the letter was published only two years ago.) Arvey, born in Chicago on November 3, 1895, fought during World War II in the 33rd Infantry Division in the Pacific. Upon his return he became Democratic Party chairman in Cook County, one of the densest voting centres in the U.S. As an officer during his work for Israel Bonds, he raised over \$2m. He became Bonds "Man of the Year" and a great friend of David Ben-Gurion.

## Chaim Wirszubski, classicist, at 62

Chaim Wirszubski, Professor of Classics at the Hebrew University, died in Jerusalem on Wednesday. He was 62.

Prof. Wirszubski held the Shalom Horowitz Chair of Classics and had been with the university since 1948, reaching the rank of Professor in 1956.

Born in Vilna, Lithuania in 1915, he received his M.A. at the Hebrew University and his Ph.D. at Cambridge. While he specialized in Latin and classical literature, he also sought to indicate their influence on Kabbala and made a study of the Renaissance from the Jewish point of view. Author of numerous studies and translator of Spinoza into Hebrew, Wirszubski had recently been working on the subject of the Jewish historical tradition in the West.

Prof. Wirszubski's wife, Esther, died in 1985. There were no children. (A.Z.)

## Sculptor Naum Gabo dies in U.S., aged 87

WATERBURY, Connecticut (AP). — Naum Gabo, the 87-year-old Russian-born sculptor, died of cancer on Tuesday at Waterbury Hospital here. It was reported yesterday. He had lived for the past 20 years in nearby Middletown.

Gabo, a pioneer of the Constructivist school in which sculptors build objects rather than carve them out of stone, is best known for his abstract transparent plastic shapes, which can be seen in leading galleries throughout the world.

In 1952 he became a naturalized American and settled in Connecticut.



## Federal report charges: Beame faked figures to mislead investors

NEW YORK (Reuters). — New York Mayor Abraham Beame was fighting for his political life yesterday after a Federal Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) report charged him with knowingly misleading the people of New York about the condition of city finances.

The report said that while the city had been standing on the brink of financial collapse two and a half years ago, about \$450 million of short-term securities were sold to thousands of small investors on the basis of falsified books.

The report also condemned major U.S. banks, stockbrokers and investment services for allegedly withholding vital information from investors.

As a result, it said, the liquidity of major U.S. banks had been threatened and the country's securities markets undermined.

But the report's severest censure was for 71-year-old Mayor Beame and other city officials, who it said had "misled public investors in the offer, sale and distribution of billions of dollars of the city's municipal securities."

The mayor last night denounced

the report as "a shameful, vicious political document." He claimed its appearance was timed to wreck his chances of re-election as Democratic mayoral candidate in the primary election in 11 days.

The SEC oversees and regulates public issue and sale of corporate and government securities.

Its inquiry was begun early last year, as a result of New York City's near-bankruptcy in late 1974 and early 1975. It said that, to make the books appear to balance during the bond drive, city officials had budgeted on the basis of 100-per-cent collection of real estate taxes, "borrowed" revenues from succeeding years, and failed to fund pension liabilities properly.

At one point during the drive, securities were even offered in smaller denominations to invite broader participation.

The commission said it would consider what, if any, actions or legislative recommendations should be made.

The report now goes before three congressional committees. It is expected to lead to a major overhaul of municipal financing in the U.S.

## West German terrorist sought in plot against state prosecutor

BONN (AP). — A young couple in their late 30s who tried to blast the offices of the federal prosecutor with a homemade rocket launcher have become the latest targets of West Germany's war against terrorism.

Chief prosecutor Kurt Rebmann said a nationwide search has been launched for the man and woman, who overpowered an elderly painter and his wife in their Karlsruhe home on Thursday afternoon and mounted the device, consisting of 42 tubes, in their window.

The device included an electrically-timed firing mechanism which police defused after the elderly man and his wife managed to free themselves and summon help at about 7:30 p.m.

The couple, who identified themselves as members of the Red Army faction, had left about four hours earlier, police said. The Red Army faction is better known as the Baader-Meinhof gang.

Police said the painter's home was about 10 metres from the rear of the building which houses the prosecutor's office.

The incident is the latest in a string of terrorist acts which have shaken West Germany.

On July 30 Juergen Ponto, chairman of Dresdner Bank, was slain in his home near Frankfurt during what police believe was a bungled kidnapping attempt by terrorists. Four women and a man are among those sought.

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Princess Caroline of Monaco and playboy-businessman Philippe Michel Junot, 17 years her senior, will be married in June, which is just what rumour has predicted all summer. The official announcement came on Thursday from the palace of Prince Ranier III and Princess Grace, the former Grace Kelly of Philadelphia and Hollywood. Junot, who is 37, worked as a stockbroker on Wall Street, and later in London, Brussels and Paris. The couple have been in society news because of the difference in their ages, the controversial courtship of the bride-to-be's parents, and Junot's tendency to be photographed for the society pages of "Vogue."

(UPI telephoto)

## Irish gang steals car from police

DUBLIN (UPI). — A 10-man gang wearing combat jackets and carrying sub-machineguns beat up three policemen near the border, stole their patrol car and escaped into Northern Ireland, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said a police patrol chased a stolen van which refused to stop at a checkpoint at Ballybophy in County Donegal shortly before midnight on Friday.

"When the patrol caught up with the van, a man jumped out with a sub-machinegun and threatened to kill the police officers. He was joined by nine other men, all armed and wearing combat jackets," the spokesman said.

"The men hit the police officers with the butts of their guns and then drove off in the patrol car and the van," he said.

## Groucho's will leaves no room for dispute

SANTA MONICA, California (AP). — Comedian Groucho Marx left his three children the bulk of his fortune, estimated at \$2.5m. to \$6m. and directed that any heir challenging his will get one dollar.

He named his longtime companion, Erin Fleming, to supervise his remaining business affairs and left her \$150,000. She also gets the "boutonniere of the commander des arts et lettres," an honour bestowed upon him by the French government.

The will, written in 1974 and filed for probate last Wednesday, provided \$50,000 for his only surviving brother, Zeppo, a \$25,000 trust for his ex-wife, Catherine Marie Marx, and \$5,000 each to Groucho's four grandchildren.

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## U.S. high court pleases Nazis and Jews

SKOKIE, Illinois (AP). — A U.S. Supreme Court justice has declined to resolve a dispute over whether Nazis can march here with swastikas, and spokesmen for both sides say they're grateful for the delay.

Justice John Paul Stevens refused on Friday to clear the way for the National Socialist Party of America to parade with swastikas in Skokie, a Chicago suburb where thousands of survivors of World War II German death camps live.

He let stand an Illinois Appellate Court ruling that said displaying the Nazi emblem in the community would be "an epithet of racial and religious hatred."

Stevens said he preferred to let the Illinois Supreme Court resolve the matter when it reviews the ban on September 20.

In Chicago, Nazi leader Frank Collin said he was "very pleased" with Stevens' ruling "because the more this case is dragged out the

more publicity and attention we get." The community's attorney, Harvey Schwartz, said he was "very gratified by the ruling." He said Stevens' ruling will "allow appropriate consideration before the Illinois Supreme Court."

"There are peculiar facts involved in this case that we think will give us a strong case before the Illinois Supreme Court... our argument will be that all speech is not permissible — as Justice (Oliver Wendell) Holmes said, you can't falsely shout fire in a crowded theatre. There are many Supreme Court rulings that say you cannot say anything you want at any time."

The American Civil Liberties Union, which has lost thousands of members because it has aided the Nazis who want to march in Skokie, has meanwhile gained the support of 60 prominent Jews.

They said in a statement issued on Thursday that the ACLU and its fight for free expression and individual

rights are too important to abandon in spite of current ACLU support of an unpopular cause.

The ACLU has projected that it might lose one-third of its 10,000 Illinois membership because of legal aid given to the Nazis. Almost 10 per cent of Skokie's population are survivors of concentration camps.

Among those who came out in support of the ACLU were journalists Daniel Schorr, Nat Hentoff and Ben Dorfman, former circuit court judge Abraham Brunsell, writer Studs Terkel, Chicago alderman Martin Oberman, publisher Bruce Sagan and civil liberties lawyer Joseph Rauh Jr.

David Hamlin, executive director of the Illinois ACLU, said he was "delighted to have the support of anyone who believes the stand we have taken in this issue is the proper one." Hamlin said member resignations would not cause the ACLU to drop its defence of the Nazis.

## Greek Cypriots alarmed at Turkish move in Famagusta

NICOSIA (AP). — The Cyprus government's decision to ask for an urgent session of the UN Security Council was prompted by another breakdown in efforts to solve the decades-old question of who has legitimate claim to this Mediterranean island.

But the "deteriorating situation," cited by the Cypriot ambassador to the UN, is primarily on a political level and has not so far led to new violence between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

The government, reeling from the death of President Makarios on August 3, wants to air what it regards as Turkey's "continued violations" of UN resolutions. This concerns Turkey's occupation of 37 per cent of the island, although the

Turks are an 18 per cent minority.

The Greek Cypriots are alarmed at recent threats by Turkish Cypriots to move into an area of Famagusta, once the island's main resort city, uninhabited since the 1974 Turkish invasion.

Since the invasion the Turks have controlled the modern and traditionally Greek-Cypriot sector of the city known as Varosha, but they have so far left it unoccupied, virtually a ghost town.

On Friday, a large smoking dynamite bomb was discovered outside the Nicosia residence of Bishop Chrysanthos, a candidate for the church position of late Cypriot Archbishop Makarios, but failed to explode due to a faulty fuse.

(Turks settle — next page)

## Fast U.S. moves halted S. African nuclear test

WASHINGTON (AP). — A series of "very rapidly conducted diplomatic discussions" headed off a move by South Africa to conduct its first nuclear test, a Carter Administration official has revealed.

The official said the discussions involved South Africa, the U.S. and several other nations after word leaked last week that the South Africans were preparing a nuclear test.

"We made a very sustained effort... deal with the possible entry of South Africa into the nuclear club," the official said on Friday.

Under the ground rules of the discussion on general foreign policy developments, the official could not be identified by name.

President Jimmy Carter at his news conference on Tuesday said South Africa had agreed not "to develop nuclear explosive devices for any purpose."

The administration official, however, for the first time revealed the diplomatic negotiations involved, although not going into detail. He said in dealing with the

South Africans "a very delicate balance" had to be struck between pressure and encouragement.

"By acting alone and consulting with France, Britain and Russia, we have brought the situation under control," the official said.

During the discussion, the official also said:

- Carter has told the Pentagon in a confidential directive that the U.S. should, in the face of strengthened Soviet forces, maintain enough strategic ability to deter a Soviet bloc attack in Europe. Under this directive, the U.S. would reassert "a policy of forward defence with increased emphasis on initial combat capability."
- A trip to Japan by Carter this year is unlikely and it is "very doubtful" that Carter will visit Peking until high-level Chinese leaders visit the U.S.
- The U.S. is prepared to continue negotiating with the Soviet Union for a second Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty if a new agreement is not reached by October 3, when SALT expires.

## 'Intense' diplomatic efforts over Rhodesia

PRETORIA (Reuters). — Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith and Prime Minister John Vorster of South Africa yesterday held two hours of talks regarded as crucial for efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia.

Neither made any comment on the discussions, held at the South African Prime Minister's official residence.

But a joint statement tacitly acknowledged that the talks were part of the intense diplomatic activity aimed at solving a problem which has escaped an answer since Rhodesia declared unilateral independence from Britain almost 12 years ago.

"Many rumours are currently in circulation," the statement said. "It would serve no purpose to discuss these rumours in view of the coming visit of Dr. Owen and his party."

David Owen, the British Foreign Secretary, is due here today with the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young, armed with a still officially secret set of settlement proposals.

The two envoys, now in Lusaka for talks with militant Rhodesian nationalists and leaders of the five "frontline" black states confronting Rhodesia, are due here this evening.

They will meet Vorster tomorrow for what observers see as a crucial test for their plans which according to reported leaks, involves the replacement of Smith and the gradual dis-

bandment of the Rhodesian security forces.

Smith, who has already rejected such proposals, is not due to meet the two envoys until Thursday — the day after an election among Rhodesia's predominantly white voters which he hopes will give him a mandate to seek an internal settlement with nationalists regarded as more moderate than the guerrilla leaders now in Lusaka.

But with South Africa providing a military and economic lifeline to embattled and landlocked Rhodesia, Vorster's attitude to the plan could be more vital than that of Smith.

Meanwhile, in Lusaka, President Kenneth Kaunda said yesterday that Zambia expected an air attack from Rhodesia in the next 10 days. The president, quoting "accurate military intelligence," told a press conference: "Between August 28 and September 7 we expect the first air raid on Zambian soil."

He said that if the Rhodesians "want to have a show of air power, we will have that show."

Kaunda said Rhodesian allegations that Zambia was provoking border incidents were intended to prepare international opinion for air attacks.

On Friday, the Salisbury government accused Zambia of making unprovoked attacks over its border with Rhodesia. It said Zambia probably intended "some sort of fireworks display" for the visit to Lusaka by Owen and Young.

## Strike fails to snarl British airports

LONDON (UPI). — Despite the second day of an assistant air controllers' strike that had threatened to cause chaos, thousands of Bank Holiday travellers flew out of Britain yesterday without a hitch.

Representatives of the assistant controllers claimed their walkout had slashed air traffic in half. But major airlines set the number of flight cancellations between 30 and 40 per cent. And an official at London's Heathrow airport said, "We seem to be operating more smoothly now than the assistants have gone on strike than we did during their go-slow."

The planned four-day strike by Britain's 850 air traffic control assistants began on Friday — timed to coincide with the August "Bank Holiday" weekend, the peak vacation period in the U.K.

In Israel, an El Al jumbo carrying 416 passengers that left for London on Friday, was asked to equip itself with a maximum quantity of fuel in the event that it would have to go into holding patterns over London's airport. El Al on Thursday made an effort to fly out of London a large number of Israeli passengers before the strike. The airline has cancelled its stopover at Heathrow Airport on its Tel Aviv-New York flights and back.

But most other airlines' flights have left after only slight delays — and with some empty seats — airline representatives said.

Passengers waited patiently for their flights out, reading, playing board or card games, or singing folk songs. Many potential air travellers had apparently switched to rail and seakink ferries.

## Wall Street Week Slump or recession?

NEW YORK (AP). — The nasty word "recession" cropped up with increasing frequency this past week as Wall Streeters debated the economy's future and the stock market suffered its fifth straight weekly loss.

Many analysts insisted there was no hard evidence to support fears of anything more than a moderate slowdown in the growth of business activity in the months ahead.

But most acknowledged that the market, whether rightly or wrongly, appeared to be anticipating a more severe slump.

The Dow-Jones average of 30 industrials fell 8.06 to 855.42, reaching

its lowest levels since the end of 1975.

In the past five weeks the average has tumbled 65 points, extending its decline since the start of the year to 149.21 points.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped .78 to 52.30, finishing just above its previous 1977 closing low of 52.36 reached on May 3.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index fell 1.17 to 117.51.

Much of the week's decline came on Thursday after analysts at the influential firm of Tucker, Anthony, R.L. Day forecast "a mini-recession within six to nine months."

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## Reverting to code of Islam

By ALEX EFTY

BEIRUT (AP). — Disillusionment with both Western liberalism and socialist doctrine has driven some Arab states back to Islamic fundamentalism — a reversion that could mean death for Communists and others who reject Islam.

At least two Arab states, Egypt and its southern ally, Sudan — both virulently anti-Communist — recently appointed special committees of parliamentarians and Moslem scholars to draft a new legal code based on *sharia*, the law as stated in the Koran.

The Egyptian committee has already drafted a law making apostasy, the renunciation of Islam, punishable by death. This would automatically put communists, whose political creed rejects the existence of any God, into a potential death trap.

The measures being drafted by the Egyptian and Sudanese committees require approval by the state legislatures to become law.

The Communist parties have been banned in both Egypt and the Sudan after a gradual cooling of relations with the Soviet Union and charges of Communist involvement in anti-government plots.

In addition to the adoption of the death penalty for apostasy, *sharia* law also provides for the stoning of adulterous couples, the chopping off of the hands of convicted thieves and robbers, public flogging for minor offenses and a ban against alcohol.

Libya, under its Moslem fundamentalist leader, Col. Muammar

Gaddafi has already adopted the *sharia* law as the country's strictly observed moral and legal code.

Punishment is tempered with mercy, however, and thieves are imprisoned, rather than sentenced to amputation.

The death penalty for apostates also is not applied, possibly because of Libya's increasingly close ties with the Soviet Union.

The trend toward the return and wider adoption of *sharia* law has coincided with the recent emergence of Saudi Arabia as a diplomatic heavyweight and generous rich uncle of poorer Arab states. *Sharia* law has always been in force in Saudi Arabia, the most traditional of Arab states.

Meanwhile, in the Gulf Emirate of Abu Dhabi, a 22-year-old Lebanese was jailed for 12 years and sentenced to a public flogging of 100 lashes for raping two European women. It was the first verdict of its kind since the courts were ordered to revert to *sharia* earlier in the year.

In Saudi Arabia itself, a Dutch tugboat captain was jailed for 10 months and received 200 lashes for violating the country's complete prohibition on the consumption, or possession, of alcohol.

Even in non-Arab Pakistan, the newly installed military rulers also reverted to *sharia* law. Last week the first offender to be punished under this law — a policeman — was sentenced to be whipped ten times in public for receiving a \$10 bribe.

He faltered after receiving six of the prescribed lashes.

precitated, prompting listeners to applaud the tone and style of speakers on radio rather than ponder the meaning of the broadcasts.

Broadcasts sometimes bear little relation to the truth. "Our radios fought and won the 1967 war (against Israel) which unfortunately our military leaders lost on the battlefield," recalled one Egyptian radio director.

The educated and the literate have developed a sense of skepticism about the bickering on the airwaves. Arabs often dismiss political lies as "kalam isaat," or "radio talk." They frown on talkative politicians as "ba'ale radio" — one who has a radio stuck in his throat.

"We Arabs are slaves of our beautiful language. Our voice is frail when we call for unity and roaring when we preach disunity," said one Arab ambassador.

"Voice of Arab Syria" broadcasts daily programmes from Iraq, attacking Syria and urging its people and army to revolt against Assad. Syria's state radio counters the attacks with similar appeals to Iraqis.

The "Voice of The Masses," also operating in Baghdad, devotes its programmes to "exposing renegade Arab regimes bent on succumbing to imperialist-Zionist machinations." The radio urges people in moderate Arab countries to undermine efforts to make peace with Israel.

Iraq's "Voice of United Lebanon" broadcasts "they" commentaries against Christian Lebanese who battle a Palestinian leftist alliance in a civil war that ended last November. It attacks Jordan's King Hussein as a "traitor" and calls for his overthrow.

The "Voice of Lebanon," operating from the Christian enclave north of Beirut, praises Syria's military intervention against the leftist-Palestinian coalition. It attacks Libya and Iraq for financing leftist groups that fielded militias in the civil war.

The "Voice of Palestine" from Cairo broadcasts coded messages to terrorists and agents, but under Saudi Arabian pressure, it stopped attacking rightist Arab regimes.

Recurrent rifts among Palestinian factions have prompted dissidents to set up their own radios in Syria, Iraq and other countries.

## Arab critics, captives of a beautiful language

By ALY MAHMOUD

NICOSIA (AP). — Arab radio stations, many calling themselves voices of unity, more often than not are fostering dissension in the Arab world.

"Radios are the thermometer of Arab political emotion," an Arab columnist wrote recently. "But this emotion is so volatile that the thermometer keeps going up and down like a crazy acrobat."

Radio plays a key role in forming Arab public opinion because of the emphasis on the spoken rather than the written word, a result of the spoken language's ability to incite emotion and of the fact that 70 per cent or more of the Arab public do not read.

Expressions of fraternal love can turn to hatred that surpasses even the animosity toward Israel. The reverse can come quickly.

Cairo radio, which two years ago lauded the Libyan strongman Col. Muammar Gaddafi as "brother, comrade," now calls him "a Soviet agent and communist puppet." Libyan radio, which once praised Egyptian President Anwar Sadat as "our elder brother, the heir of Nasserism," now condemns him as "the American hireling" and "the CIA agent."

Iraqi radio praised Syrian President Hafez Assad as a "comrade" three years ago. Today, it slanders him as "traitor and a weakling."

The Syrian radio calls Iraq's President Ahmed Hassan el-Bakr a "deviant and oppressor." Both Bakr and Assad belong to rival wings of the same political organization, the Arab Baath Socialist Party.

Literacy is so low in the Arab world that people listen much more than they read. Arabic is a flowery language whose poetry is widely ap-

## Egypt, Libya approach truce; Neither has stomach for war

By DON SCHANCKE

The Los Angeles Times

CAIRO. — After exchanging prisoners held since their "weekend war" of a month ago, Egypt and Libya appeared over the weekend to be approaching a formal — if temporary — truce in the hostilities that have marked relations between the two countries since 1973.

Diplomatic sources confirmed that senior Libyan and Egyptian military officers will meet this week — in the border town of Salloum, scene of some of the bloody fighting of July — to negotiate a "standback" agreement designed to avoid future border clashes.

According to reliable accounts, the meeting will climax a month of low-level negotiations that began between military officers of the two nations almost before the fighting ended. The present easing of hostilities apparently did not result from the mediation efforts of other Arab leaders or of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Chairman Yasser Arafat, who shuttled between Cairo and Tripoli as recently as last Wednesday purportedly attempting to patch up differences between Libya's mercurial Col. Muammar Gaddafi and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.

The prisoner exchange involving a still unannounced number of captives from both sides, also was strictly a bilateral arrangement, not influenced by the mediators, the sources said.

The agreement appears to be mainly a military one, made for the convenience of both sides, which had strengthened their border forces since the four-day war to such numbers that a continued face-off would have been too costly for either to maintain. Egypt, for example, was reported to have close to 40,000 men in armoured and mechanized units ranged along the desert border, as well as a substantial portion of its air force standing in combat readiness in case of renewed hostilities.

For its part, Libya was believed to have been genuinely hurt militarily during the brief war, and was ill-equipped to maintain a large portion of its 30,000 man army in readiness for renewed attacks. Independence military sources in Cairo said that

Libya sustained more than 400 casualties (killed and wounded) and lost 60 armoured vehicles including more than a score of tanks, although they added that Egyptian claims of heavy damage to Libyan airfields and aircraft apparently were exaggerated.

The temporary truce agreement that officers reportedly will begin to prepare in Salloum will allow for considerable reductions in force on both sides, and for pull-backs in some areas to avoid direct and prolonged confrontation, the sources said. It also reportedly will include the implicit agreement of the two governments to cool off their long-running propaganda war which, for the past two weeks, has simmered down to occasional word-skirmishes after raging hotly both before and after the four-day war.

"It is a kind of military 'time out,'" said one source in Cairo, "but there has been nothing to indicate that any of the basic disagreements between the two countries have been resolved."

As a Soviet-supplied nation and a Middle East "reactionist" that opposes any peace negotiations with Israel, Libya has long been an embarrassing headache to anti-Soviet, "pro-peace" Egypt.

Several other factors also apparently bear on the present cooling off between military forces of the two sides, sources said.

First, with more than a tenth of its combat strength ranged along the uncomfortable western desert border facing another Arab country, Egypt's army is believed to be unhappy and anxious to turn its main attention once again toward its eastern front against Israel.

Second, Libyan military leaders including Gaddafi are believed to have taken seriously continued hints from Cairo that armed punitive attacks might be resumed at any time, and have no stomach for another beating.

Finally, the Soviet Union is believed to have urged Gaddafi to work out some kind of truce on the realistic grounds that he can only lose in another armed clash, thereby further hurting the Soviet position that already is imperilled on the African continent by fighting between its two client states, Ethiopia and Somalia.

By JULIET PEARCE

FAMAGUSTA, Cyprus (Otns). — From the sea, this sprawling Mediterranean port city looks as if always has. Modern hotels line a sandy beach like massive sentinels against a hot wind. Television aerials stab into the sky atop apartment buildings. In the gentle, shimmering heat haze, the walls of the houses are strikingly white.

Only when you get closer do you realize that Varosha — the modern part of Famagusta outside the walls of the Turkish old city — is a ghost town. Except for an occasional Turkish military patrol, not a single car moves along its streets. There are no people under the awnings of the cafes. Now and then a lean cat darts out of an alley and disappears. A sea breeze rattles half-closed shutters. The silence is eerie, oppressive, nerve-racking.

It has been like that for the past three years, since Varosha's 26,000 Greek Cypriots left by car and on foot, atop farm tractors and on donkeys — to escape the advancing Turkish army.

Sealed off by Turkish troops from the old quarter inhabited by Turkish Cypriots, Varosha has been waiting, an empty shell lashed by rain in winter, scorched by the sun in summer. It has been waiting for a settlement, a pawn in the never-ending verbal chess game over Cyprus.

Varosha is the eye of the latest political storm on the island. The Turks announced they will bring in settlers and reopen abandoned hotels. The Greek-fired volley of cables to governments and international organizations. A vast propaganda effort has been set in motion in Washington, New York, Athens and London to keep Varosha from the conquering Turks.

As usual in Cyprus, the whole problem with its ominous international implications stems from a misunderstanding.

After their seizure of the abandoned city, the Turks left Varosha intact. For months the city remained the way the fleeing Greeks left it: even fans turned in taverns and air conditioners hummed in office buildings. There were neatly ironed shirts in the window of a laundry and frozen chickens in the supermarket.

Varosha, it was understood, was "negotiable." The Turks apparently hinted that while they intended to run the port — which is in the old Turkish quarter — they were willing to allow the Greek inhabitants to return to their homes in exchange for Greek concessions on a future

## Turks settling in Greek Cypriot areas



Famagusta's Varosha suburb... in days before conflict

Cyprus government.

The Greek side did not respond to the Turkish hints with any counter-offer. During haphazard negotiations in the wake of the Turkish invasion of the island in 1974, the Greeks insisted on the evacuation of Turkish troops and the return of refugees to their homes in the Turkish-occupied sector. What the Greeks wanted was the *status quo ante*.

The Turks staked their prestige on invading Cyprus and regrouping the Turkish population under Turkish army guns in the north of the island.

While the dialogue became more and more sterile, Varosha rotted.

Eventually Turkish troops started removing stocks from shops, machines from factories, equipment from hotels and offices. No one knows the cost of the war booty and all estimates are bound to be incorrect as no information has been released by the Turks.

Varosha was the warehouse of this prosperous island and the size of the loot must have been considerable.

Private apartments and houses were left intact. There are indications that no individual looting took place. There was merely

"removal of certain objects and stocks" by the Turkish Army.

When news of the planned Turkish resettlement of Varosha was announced in July, Archbishop Makarios, then President of Cyprus, warned that the action would remove all hope for an early settlement. Few politicians were unduly perturbed; no one expects an early settlement.

Subsequently Rauf Denktaş, president of the self-styled Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, said there was never any formal indication that Varosha was negotiable. Varosha, Denktaş said, "concerns only the Turkish Cypriots."

The initial plan under discussion now is to open to settlement only a small fraction of Varosha, an area of 800 by 1,200 yards. The reason is simple: the Turkish Cypriots simply have no trained personnel capable of running a modern city the size of Varosha. Whatever talent is available is being used in reactivating life in the Turkish sector of Cyprus representing 36 per cent of the island.

Thus the "reactivation" of Varosha may take some time. It will take even longer to reopen the hotels, before the invasion of the pride of Cypriot tourism.

The issue will be in the news, with more charges, counter-charges, threats and warnings. The powerful Greek lobby in the United States has already let it be known that resettlement of Varosha would doom the chances of lifting the arms embargo on Turkey.

If the fight over Varosha escalates, further consequences are likely, not excluding Turkey's estrangement from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

All this seems extremely distant from the sere reality of Varosha. In the empty streets the sun is blinding. A Turkish army jeep manned by helmeted soldiers breaks the silence — a brutal reminder of the disparity between words and facts in Cyprus.

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## Nottingham Forest leads in England

LONDON (Reuter). — Nottingham Forest, newly promoted to the first division of the English football league, thrashed Derby County 3-0 yesterday to take over the leadership as the only remaining club with a 100 per cent record in the top division this season.

Wolverhampton Wanderers and English Football Association cupholder Manchester United, both with maximum points after their first two league matches of the season, failed yesterday. Wolves were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Arsenal and Manchester United, also at home, played a scoreless draw against Ipswich Town.

Peter Withe led Forest's destruction of Derby with a goal in each half, in the 30th and 67th minutes. John Robertson got the third goal after 78 minutes.

Forest's win was a triumph for their manager Brian Clough over the club he led out of the second division doldrums to the league title a few years ago.

Kenny Dalglish, Liverpool's £440,000 signing from Glasgow Celtic, kept up his scoring record for the league champions by getting the first goal in their 3-0 win over West Bromwich Albion. He has scored in all three league games this season for his new club. Steve Elzhangway, the man behind most of Liverpool's best moves, and Jimmy Case were the champions' other scorers.

In division two, only Bolton Wanderers still have a 100 per cent

record. After three league matches they beat Sheffield United 2-1 yesterday, while Crystal Palace, who had also won their two earlier games, were falling 1-0 to Hull City at home.

West Ham United, beaten 1-0 at home by Manchester City, and Birmingham, downed 1-0 at Leeds, are the only first division clubs still without a league point.

David Armstrong scored both goals for Middlesbrough, 2-0 winners over Newcastle United, to take his total to three goals in three matches this season. Middlesbrough goalkeeper Jim Platt brilliantly saved a penalty taken by Tommy Craig in the opening minute.

Scottish premier league champions Celtic continued their dismal start to the season with a 1-0 defeat at home by Motherwell, for whom former Celtic player Vic Davidson was the scorer.

Rangers left behind a similarly disappointing opening to the season by winning 4-0 at Partick to earn their first premier league points.

Gordon Smith scored two goals, his first since joining Rangers from Kilmarnock, and the others came from Bobby Russell and a penalty scored by Alex Miller.

Results in the British soccer leagues yesterday:

Division I: Aston Villa 1, Everton 2; Chelsea 1, Coventry City 2; Leeds United 1, Birmingham City 0; Leicester City 0, Bristol City 0; Liverpool 3, West Bromwich Albion 0; Manchester United 0, Ipswich Town 0.

## English football strike averted

LONDON (AP). — The threat of a strike by the English football league's professional players over freedom of contract faded on Friday as the league announced a call for an extraordinary general meeting.

The news followed Thursday's meeting of players from 28 clubs in London and its environs who voted to support the Professional Footballers' Association management committee in "any action they think necessary."

A group of clubs, headed by Coven-

try City, scuttled two and one-half years of negotiations when they voted against the proposals at the league's annual general meeting, even though the players had the backing of the league management committee.

It is understood that some of these clubs have had second thoughts and the likely outcome is a secret ballot which would almost certainly result in the issue gaining the necessary three-quarters majority.

## England has 214 in final Test

LONDON (AP). — Bob Willis lifted England's cricket fortunes in the final Test match at London's Oval yesterday as the third day's play opened in dull weather.

Willis, the tall end batsman, was helped by Mike Hendricks in adding 33 for the last wicket, and when Australia batted on a pitch enlivened by rain, Willis, the fast bowler, had Craig Sergeant low with the sixth ball of the innings.

At the lunch interval England was all out 214 and Australia had made six for one.

Between them, Willis and Hendricks hit seven boundaries in their stand of 40, compared with nine by the other batsmen. One of the four came from Mick Malone in his 45th over.

## Puni takes youth tennis title

Jerusalem Sports Reporter  
RAMAT HASHARON. — Shai Puni, 18, took the National Youth Tennis Championship yesterday in the final, beating Tommy Fisher 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Puni has been chosen for the Israel Davis Cup team against Finland next month.

## Australia beats Korea in World Cup game

SYDNEY (AP). — Australia kept its 1978 World Cup soccer hopes alive with a desperate 2-1 victory over South Korea in a qualifying match yesterday.

Australia was one goal behind at halftime, but fought back to score two goals within 11 minutes of each other in the second half.

From three matches, Iran leads the Asian zone qualifying series by five points, Australia, four, South Korea, three.

## Students 17th in basketball

TEL AVIV. — The Israel ASA basketball squad yesterday finished 17th in the Universiada World Student Games in Sofia.

In their final two matches Israel beat Turkey 70-61 and Senegal 82-61. Israel thus finished the games with five wins and three defeats.

The Turks led 11-0 before the Israel students staged a recovery. Sary Ben-Zvi, with 18 points, and Moti Aroesti, with 18, were top scorers for Israel. Aroesti emerged as the outstanding Israeli player in Sofia.



Posing to pose in the middle of their training for the Davis Cup competition in Finland, to be held from September 8 to 11, are Israel's entrants (from left) Haim Arlosoroff, Ilan Sherr, Shlomo Gilkstein and Yair Wertheimer. (Alexander Succakind)

## Royals wreak havoc in American League

NEW YORK (AP). — Kansas City manager Whitey Herzog said he was worried about only one team in the American League western division pennant race, his own. But the way the Royals are playing, Herzog obviously has no worries at all.

Hal McRae clubbed his 17th home run and threw out a Baltimore runner at the plate as the Royals stretched their club-record winning streak to 10 games with a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Friday night.

Al Cowens had three of Kansas City's seven hits off Jim Palmer and drove in one run while helping send the Orioles down to their fifth loss in the last six games.

Dennis Leonard, 14-10, hurled a six-hitter to win his eighth decision

in his last nine starts. He struck out seven, running his season total to 122.

Mickey Rivers singled in the tying run and Craig Nettles tripled home the winner in the eighth inning, sparking the New York Yankees to a 6-5 come-from-behind victory over the Texas Rangers.

Rod Carew broke out of a mild slump with a pair of doubles and scored the tie-breaking run on Lyman Bostock's single as the Minnesota Twins defeated the slump-ridden Boston Red Sox 6-4.

Tom Seaver fired a five-hitter in recording his 15th victory of the season as the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 4-2, while Art Howe's fielders' choice grounder drove home Cesar Cedeno in the 10th inning as the Houston

Astros beat the Montreal Expos 6-5. Jeff Burroughs, Junior Moore and Gary Matthews blasted two-out homers during a five-run third inning and the Atlanta Braves downed the New York Mets 5-3 in a game called after 6 1/2 innings by rain.

Bruce Kison and Rich Gossage combined for a six-hitter and Dave Parker hit his 18th homer of the season as the Pittsburgh Pirates edged the San Diego Padres 3-1.

Ron Cey and Johnny Oates blasted home runs in support of Rick Rhoden's 15th victory as the Los Angeles Dodgers nipped the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4.

Rick Reuschel tied Steve Carlton for the major league lead in victories with 18 as the Chicago Cubs defeated the San Francisco Giants 5-2.

## Results and standings after Friday's games

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

|           | W  | L  | PCT. | GB    |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------|
| New York  | 76 | 51 | .598 | —     |
| Boston    | 72 | 58 | .556 | 7     |
| Baltimore | 71 | 64 | .523 | 8 1/2 |
| Detroit   | 69 | 67 | .508 | 10    |
| Cleveland | 68 | 69 | .497 | 15    |
| Milwaukee | 56 | 77 | .421 | 28    |
| Toronto   | 45 | 80 | .360 | 30    |

|             | W  | L  | PCT. | GB     |
|-------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Kansas City | 74 | 51 | .592 | —      |
| Chicago     | 71 | 54 | .568 | 3      |
| Minnesota   | 71 | 56 | .559 | 4      |
| Texas       | 71 | 56 | .559 | 4      |
| California  | 61 | 63 | .492 | 12 1/2 |
| Seattle     | 52 | 76 | .407 | 26     |
| Oakland     | 48 | 77 | .384 | 28     |

Minnesota 6, Boston 4; Kansas City 3, Baltimore 2; Oakland 4, Toronto 4; Seattle 4, Cleveland 2; New York 6, Texas 6; California 7, Detroit 4, 11 innings; Chicago 4, Milwaukee 2.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

|              | W  | L  | PCT. | GB     |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Philadelphia | 78 | 48 | .619 | —      |
| Pittsburgh   | 74 | 54 | .574 | 6      |
| Chicago      | 70 | 56 | .556 | 8      |
| St. Louis    | 71 | 57 | .555 | 8      |
| Montreal     | 69 | 68 | .465 | 19 1/2 |
| New York     | 51 | 76 | .402 | 27 1/2 |

|               | W  | L  | PCT. | GB     |
|---------------|----|----|------|--------|
| Los Angeles   | 76 | 52 | .594 | —      |
| Cincinnati    | 68 | 61 | .527 | 8 1/2  |
| Houston       | 60 | 69 | .465 | 18 1/2 |
| San Francisco | 59 | 71 | .454 | 19     |
| San Diego     | 56 | 74 | .431 | 21     |
| Atlanta       | 46 | 81 | .362 | 29 1/2 |

Atlanta 5, New York 8, called after 6 1/2 due to rain; Cincinnati 4, Philadelphia 2; Houston 6, Montreal 5, 10 innings; Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 1; St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 4; Chicago 5, San Francisco 2.

## T.A. Maccabi in Europe finals again

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi, the European basketball champions, will enter the final group of six teams in this year's championship, the European Basketball Federation decided in Brussels yesterday.

The team will meet in the finals starting on December 8.

The Russian champions, CSK

Moskva, have withdrawn from this year's European championship. Maccabi's opponents will be Olympiacos, Athens. The winner will face Svyobodna, Yugoslavia.

In the Korach Cup, Hapoel G'vat

Yagur will meet Nice, France, and Hapoel Ramat Gan will meet Zagreb in the quarter finals.

## Finish basketball team here today

TEL AVIV. — The Finnish basketball team will arrive here today — for two international games in Yad Eliash tomorrow and in Haifa on September 3. The Finns have five

players who top two metres. Of the eight previous encounters between the two countries, Israel won six and Finland two.

## Uganda will pay expelled Asians in "instalments"

NAIROBI (AP). — The Uganda government said on Friday that it cannot afford to pay in full the \$6m. compensation it has agreed to give Asians forced to leave the country in 1972, leaving behind all their property.

Instead, the money will be paid in instalments, a government spokesman was quoted as saying by Uganda Radio, monitored here. Uganda could make a down-payment of \$625,000 and pay the remainder over a period of 10 years, the spokesman said.

Amin expelled at three months' notice an estimated 40,000 non-citizen Asians five years ago. The majority of them settled in Britain. They were mainly businessmen and their families, many of them store-owners.

## Tidal wave scare in Caracas

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP). — No one knows who started the rumour that Caracas will be destroyed by a tidal wave today, although some say it was men from Mars. But some residents appear to have made plans to be away for the weekend — just in case.

The prediction first began circulating by word-of-mouth in May. One popular version attributes it to a visitor from Mars.

Far-fetched as it may seem, the prediction has generated enough publicity to worry authorities in this city, nestled in a valley about 18 km. from the Caribbean Sea.

Scientists, government leaders and churchmen say the forecast is totally absurd and have appealed to the public to ignore it.

## U.S. makes big splash at World Student Games

SOFIA (Reuter). — The U.S. made the biggest splash on the final day of competition at the World Student Games here yesterday with four swimming gold medals.

John Elbuna won the men's 100 metres freestyle and Sue Hinderaker took the women's 100 metres butterfly, while the Americans also scooped up two relay golds in the pool.

The impressive climax put on by the U.S. squad lifted them into second place in the final table behind the Soviet Union, which led the medal chase for all the 10 days of competition in 10 sports.

Elbuna got home by a finger-tip from Andy Coan in a one-two for Tennessee University where both of them are studying. Elbuna's time was 52.05, with Coan clocking 52.12 and bearded West German Klaus Steinbach collected the bronze on 52.27.

Klaus Hinderaker led from the start to take the butterfly in one minute 03.63 seconds and she snared out West German Gundrun Beckmann, with Anca Miceaus of Rumania winning the bronze.

Zoltan Verraszto of Hungary won the only swimming gold that did not go the American way yesterday when he took the men's 300 metres backstroke final in two minutes 05.60 seconds, while Irina Kalinina of the Soviet Union completed a double when she won the women's springboard to add to the platform

gold medal which she collected earlier in the games.

Kent Voster, of Ohio State University, won the gold medal in the men's platform diving on Friday.

Vladimir Troshin of the Soviet Union won the silver medal and another American, Brian Bungum of the University of Indiana, won the bronze.

Graham Smith, a Canadian who studies at the University of California, won his second gold medal of the games in the men's 200 metres breaststroke. He had won the 100 metres breaststroke. Smith swam the 200 in 2:23.43 and beat the second man, Vladimir Dementyev of the Soviet Union, by 0.27 seconds.

Bonnie Glasgow of the University of Miami raced away from her rivals to win the women's 200 metres medley and her third gold medal of the games.

She led all the way, with Jenni Franks of Indiana University swimming second. Miss Glasgow won in 2:20.66 and Miss Franks came home in 2:23.82 for the silver medal. Danielle Balla of Canada was third.

Andreas Hargitay led a 1-2 for Hungary in the men's 400 metres medley.

Marion Stuart of Canada, a student at McGill University, Montreal, won the women's 100 metres breaststroke in 1:15, beating America's Amy Tasnady into second place by more than one minute.



East Germany's Rosemarie Ackermann beams after breaking the world women's record for high jump, when she cleared two metres in an international meet in Berlin on Friday. (UPI telephoto)

## World yacht race begins

PORTSMOUTH, England (AP). — The boom of the starting gun yesterday sent 15 yachts off on the first 6,650-mile leg of a round-the-world race that will end sometime next spring.

The gun was fired by Mexican industrialist Ramon Carlin, who won the first race four years ago with his "Savula II."

The British yacht "Great Britain 2" and the Netherlands "Fly" were almost back and neck on the line as the start gun was fired in driving drizzle and contrary winds. But the British "Condor" moved up quickly through the fleet to take the lead in the first half mile.

The wind shifted to the north the moment before the start, bringing out a mass of billowing multi-colored spinnakers as the fleet took advantage of the stiffening breeze. None of the 15 made a bad start, and the last, the Netherlands' "Tielas," was only a few seconds behind "Condor."

Experts regard the first leg of the 27,000-mile race as something of a warm-up for the tougher legs through the southern ocean and around Cape Horn, but careful tactics could give the leaders a useful start. A lead in the first leg would be a psychological advantage, although the race will finally be won not by minutes or hours, but probably by days.

"Condor," the scratch boat, has a handicap of almost 200 hours over the slowest — the "Traite de Rome," on the first leg alone.

The race has four legs, with stops at Cape Town, Auckland, New Zealand, and Rio de Janeiro.

## New swim records

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter  
NETANYA. — Thirty records for youth were broken this weekend at the Wingate Institute Pool by children 10 to 12 years old. Avi Uziel and Ehud Poliakoff distinguished themselves in the boys' competitions, and Michal Cohen among the girls.

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## Arabic



# PLO, the West and the truth

THERE ARE TIMES when an item of non-news is an apt reminder of the long-term verities of the Middle East political situation. The PLO's rejection of suggestions that it accept UN Security Council Resolution 242, implying a faint acknowledgment that Israel exists, is just such an item.

It would have been news — indeed, momentous news — had the PLO accepted 242 and denied its very raison d'être. Such things do not happen in the real world of politics. The surprising thing is that so many American and other well-intentioned but blinded Western political leaders and diplomats have come to share an intellectual conviction that the "Palestinian question" is the crux of the Arab-Israeli dispute and that the PLO can be cajoled into entering a process leading to its acceptance of Israel.

It is possible to understand, although not necessarily condone, the cynical decision on the part of some of Israel's friends to appear to play along with the "Palestinian thesis" due to their sense of powerlessness in the face of Arab oil and petrodollar blackmail. It is saddening, however, to witness the development of a spurious intellectual rationale as a crutch for this cynical surrender to such blackmail.

In the face of such self-delusions one can only repeat the long-term verities and true dimensions of the Arab-Israeli dispute, as banal as their reiteration may sound:

The crux of this dispute is the Arab world's persistent refusal to countenance Israel's existence in its midst, and not the missing "solution" to the Palestinian question.

The dispute existed in all its intensity before the injection of the Palestinian question and may well continue to exist well after that fad has passed.

The PLO and the Arab states involved in the dispute neither believe nor have indicated, even for tactical purposes, that the creation of a Palestinian state in the territories occupied by Israel in the Six Day War of 1967 would lead to a change in the Arab rejection of Israel's right to exist.

Nor could such a Palestine even begin to provide a solution for the hundreds of thousands of refugees in the camps in Syria, Lebanon, and the Gaza Strip. A humanitarian solution to the problem of these refugees could have been effected 25 years ago, and could still be implemented in short order today, were it not for continuing Arab intransigence in preserving them in their misery as a political weapon against Israel.

To the extent that a sense of Palestinian national identity worthy of embodiment in national sovereignty has grown, it can find its natural outlet in the Palestinian state of Jordan and in those areas whose return should be negotiated as part of an overall Arab-Israeli peace.

These truths have been repeated endlessly by Israel, but to little avail. This does not undermine their validity. Acceptance of the opposing "Palestine is the crux" thesis can be based intellectually only on acquiescence in the dismemberment and eventual annihilation of Israel.

Surely this is not the aim of the policy-planners of the Carter Administration, and most likely not even, say, of Rumania's Mr. Manescu.

The PLO's logical rejection of 242 should provide an opportunity for a reassessment of the Carter Administration's Middle East policy and a rethinking of the mistaken assumptions on which it is based.

There is no short-cut to a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute; certainly not one based on a witting or unwitting self-blinding to the true dimensions of the problem. Insistence on finding such a short-cut can lead only to a dangerous aggravation of an already tense situation.

## POSTSCRIPTS

IT IS COMMONLY held that the site of the Garden of Eden was in what was once called Mesopotamia and is now known as Iraq.

We don't know whether this has anything to do with the results of research carried out by a Turkish team which suggests that hard drugs were first used by the Sumerians in Mesopotamia 7,000 years ago.

The study, conducted by researchers affiliated with the Turkish Department of Narcotics in Izmir, states that hashish and opium were the favoured drugs. The document, according to AP, also suggests that narcotic drugs spread from the "fertile crescent" between the Tigris and the Euphrates to Iran, India and China, and was "the first drug-peddling known to mankind."

The Sumerians, who attained a high level of civilization, were overwhelmed by Semitic tribes around the first century BCE. Because they were too busy hallucinating to look to their defence systems?

DRIVING in the heat with the car windows open can be risky — as one of our unfortunate friends found out. While he was stuck in a traffic jam, a pedestrian approached him and asked whether he wanted to sell his car. Engaged in conversation, our driver

friend failed to see a second "passer-by" reach through the window by the seat next to him and deftly take the wallet which lay there.

Needless to say the thieves were gone by the time the light turned green.

ALYA FIGURES, like time, apparently are relative. A few years ago, Jewish Agency officials would have been disappointed to hear that "only" 10,000 Russian Jews arrived here in one year. Today, that figure would be considered the start of a new wave. So it was with considerable joy that we read a story by our London correspondent this week which said that a "realistic target" of British aliyah in 1979-80 is 15,000. Our hopes were dashed when he cabled later to correct the error: the "realistic target" is 1,500 British immigrants.

WHEN THE JEWS were expelled from England in the Middle Ages, the King seized all the debts still owing to the Jews of Exeter (39 families), who were creditors "to the amount of £1,038, 4s. 2d., and 542 quarters of corn worth £180, 13s. 4d.," according to the "Jewish Encyclopedia." A local Rotarian who visited Exeter recently, however, reports that a tiny Jewish community thrives there once again, and that the Exeter Synagogue, located amid a group of warehouses in St. Mary's Arches and dating back to 1763, is being repaired under the direction of a local businessman named Silverman. Now about all that cash and corn...

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**NEW TRENDS IN THE GOVERNANCE OF ISRAEL**

**Criticism of the new Likud regime has centred on matters of style and policy. More important, contends GABI SHEFFER, are the structural changes introduced by the Begin Government, the overall effect of which could be to diminish Israeli democracy.**

by insulating the Cabinet from the political process.

In this way the Government ingresses the secrecy that envelops its activities. But there is more to this than merely preventing leaks on truly sensitive issues. By imposing such secrecy, the Government may be able to adopt — and implement — policies without parliamentary or public control.

Furthermore, the Government is limiting the number of politicians who are actively involved in policy-making on crucial matters of state. This is particularly evident in matters of foreign policy, and in decisions concerning settlements on the West Bank.

Mr. Begin attacked his predecessors for having maintained a "kitchen cabinet." None the less, he himself is employing the same kind of instrument of governance. THE PRINCIPAL question is how the insulation of the Cabinet will affect Israeli democracy. Although

It is thus possible that despite the popularity presently enjoyed by Mr. Begin, his insistence on greater secrecy will lead to the alienation of large numbers of potential backers.

Mr. Begin's Government also tends to commit itself very strongly on a variety of issues. This is attributable partly to the ideological nature of the present coalition, and partly to the character of the Prime Minister himself.

Unfortunately, the espousal of a

# Halachic conversion: the Seidman Solution

**The only practical solution to the problem of halachic conversion, says ALLEN E. (AVRAHAM) SHAPIRO, is for the Orthodox rabbinate to grant conversion as a matter of course to all those certified as converts by the proposed tripartite body representing the three trends in religious Judaism.**

THE WORD coming forth from Zion is that the Conservative and Reform Movements in the United States can have a deal on the halachic conversion issue, if they want one.

It deserves to be called the Seidman Solution, after a spunky lady who took on the Chief Rabbinate over the conversion issue some eight years ago. The fight then was not between the competing trends, Orthodox and non-Orthodox, with their entrenched resources and power. It was between the establishment, Orthodox and secular, and the non-Orthodox Helen Seidman.

Helen Seidman was a pioneer. A member of Kibbutz Hatzertim, she was converted in Israel by a Reform rabbi and applied for registration as a Jew. The High Court of Justice had just decided in the famous Shalit ("Who's a Jew?") Case that the Registrar was not authorized by law to refuse registration on the basis of the halachic definition.

It was clear, therefore, that Helen Seidman's petition would be granted, should the case come to a judicial determination. The National Religious Party threatened to withdraw from the coalition, if this were allowed to happen, precipitating a governmental crisis. The Labour leadership characteristically looked for a way out, an avenue to a non-resolution of the basic issue.

Behind the scenes, a practical solution had been devised. If only Helen Seidman would agree to submit to the formalities of an Orthodox conversion before the case was reached on the High Court's docket, the issue would be mooted — that is, it would become a non-issue, the ultimate objective of the non-decision making process. The Mapai-oriented Ichud Kibbutz Federation, with which Mrs. Seidman's kibbutz is affiliated, reportedly put heavy pressure on her to agree.

The Electoral College in the U.S. survives as the constitutional forum for the election of the President on condition that it not act as a deliberative body but rather as one that registers a decision made elsewhere. The Orthodox rabbinate in Israel can preserve its State monopoly of the conversion process on condition that it not deliberate with regard to non-Orthodox candidates but rather record the decision made by the tripartite body.

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proposition that, under prevailing conditions, there should be considerable governmental involvement in the running of the economy. This may well be the only way in which some of our chronic problems — such as the existing gaps between Oriental and Western Jews, between the emerging middle-class and the workers, between the urban centres and the development towns — can be brought nearer solution, as is also pledged in the Likud platform.

In any case, reduced intervention should not be confused with greater decentralization and participation in policy-making on the national level. The Likud regime is in fact inclined to supply fewer services while increasing centralization in the areas that it controls. It will be interesting to see the reactions of the local communities to this trend.

The Begin Government is by no means a copy of the last model. But while everybody is busy watching the new style and the modifications in policies, more profound transformations are taking place, which may have a long-term effect on Israeli society.

Not only Mr. Begin's opponents but his supporters as well should have as their primary concern to ensure, first, that the Government does not institute radical change without due deliberations; and second, that the thin line between the maintenance of "law and order" and the emasculatation of our still tenuous democracy is never allowed to be crossed.

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## READERS' LETTERS

**PROPAGANDA — AND NEWS**  
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Whenever you feel compelled to carry stories out of Lebanon by press agencies, I wish you would do as you did a few days ago — give a parallel review of things there from your own reporters. The contrast is so refreshing, between their leftist propaganda and your straight news.

Of course, agencies have been biased leftist propaganda news sources for years, but when their present hypocrites in Beirut use their most heroic terms to speak of the "Palestinians," while your report designates them and their cause in far more accurate terms as "PLO-leftists," or "terrorist," and when they stir the Christian Arab villagers fighting for survival in South Lebanon as "rightists," and as religiously omit from their reports anything favourable to their struggle for life, or any objective coverage at all of the fighting, there is some kind of extreme in their bias that needs at least the little correcting you can give it within your circulation.

The sickening hypocrisy of Western journalism generally, (evidenced in the recent complaint of the Reuters' correspondent here when you altered his Arab propaganda heroic term "guerrilla" to the descriptive term "terrorist" to describe Israel's security prisoners) is doing incalculable damage not just to Israel, but to world information and common sense.

GRANT E. LIVINGSTONE  
Jerusalem.

**WRONG ROCK**  
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — With reference to the photo on the cover of your Magazine of August 5 and its description on page 2, may I point out to you that it is not Andromeda's Rock in Jaffa, as you claimed, but the Rock of Adam Beach in Bat Yam.

JOSEF TAUMAN  
Bat Yam.

**PENFRIENDS**  
ROLAND BINET (32), of Rue des Calloux 37, 1330 Rixensart, Belgium, has visited Israel twice and would like to have Israeli penfriends. He is interested in literature, music, cinema, psychology and politics.

**BOARD OF DEPUTIES**  
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In reference to Mr. Dayan's visit to London, your diplomatic correspondent writes on page one of your issue of August 22 that there is no roof body representing all Anglo-Jewish organizations. This statement is incorrect. The Board of Deputies of British Jews exists over 200 years and is recognized by the Government and by all sections of the community as the representative body of the Jewish community in the United Kingdom.

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